



Canyon Complex Repository/Waste Consolidation Area and Quarry: Work Starts Up Again Week of April 26



Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup

April 2021



Last season, crews placed drain rock over the CCR/WCA footprint.

On **April 26**, crews will start construction again out at the Canyon Complex Repository/Waste Consolidation Area in Canyon Creek. This area is right next to the old "SVNRT repository." The Coeur d'Alene Work Trust will perform the work, under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Last year, the Trust's contractors completed the repository foundation. This year, the old SVNRT mine waste will be moved ¼ mile into the new area. Once these mine wastes are transferred, the new CCR/WCA drainage system will be expanded into the old SVNRT area in 2022. This will create more space for future waste. The facility will be ready to take in mine waste from other mine and mill cleanup sites in the Canyon Creek area in 2023. When finished, the new WCA will be able to hold about 1.8 million cubic yards of mine waste. Repositories and waste consolidation areas like this one reduce health risks from metals like lead and arsenic. The Trust's contractors also will be processing clean rock up the hill at the quarry. As part of construction, the Trust purchased a 23-acre parcel that they started using last season as a quarry. This property is located 2.7 miles east of the CCR/WCA, and will supply clean construction materials, different sized gravel, and road surfacing materials to the project, as well as to other remedial action projects in the Canyon Creek basin.

Work will take place 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No public road closures will be necessary. EPA expects this field season's work will wrap up in early November. This will be the third of four construction seasons. EPA will work closely with the Coeur d'Alene Trust to incorporate up-to-date guidance on reducing risk of contracting COVID-19 during site work.

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